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News Review

Hurricane Florence forces evacuation

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The story

A large-scale evacuation is underway in the United States as the East Coast braces for Hurricane Florence in what may be the strongest storm to hit the region in decades.

South Carolina's governor ordered the evacuation of its entire coastline, involving over a million people, while North Carolina and Virginia have declared states of emergency. It's expected to make landfall by Thursday.

Vocabulary

menace

threaten to hurt

- Storms often menace coastal regions from August to October.
- Why must you always be a menace to your sister? Please behave nicely.

churning

moving violently (of a liquid)

- The new wave machine began churning the water in the indoor swimming pool.
- Kim drives so fast! After being in the car with her, my stomach was churning.

lurking

waiting to attack

- The boy went quietly to the village. He knew there was a lion lurking nearby.
- I love you, but I'm not going to marry you, Ismael. Stop lurking outside my door!

Language challenge

When an ocean storm reaches land, it makes...

- a) landing
- b) landfall
- c) coasted

Answer

b) landfall